

[Mr. A. Thanu Pillai.]

(a) whether they ever considered the question of widening the lane leading from Pulimud, Puttanchantai, Trivandrum, to the S. M. V. High School;

(b) if so, why the proposal has not materialised; and

(c) whether they are aware that a very large number of school-going children use this lane?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) Because of the difficult gradient of the locality.

(c) Yes. The Chief Engineer has proposed instead that the lane branching off from the road from Pulimud to Kaitamukku, passing along the western bank of the Vanchiyur tank and joining the Vanchiyur road near Rishimangalam tank be widened.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know from the member whether the Government have any objection at least to widen the lane and improve its condition?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Which lane?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): There may be difficulty in converting it into a road, but have they any objection to constructing steps at the western end near the tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Is it for the road from Pulimudu to S. M. V. School or the alternative road which the Government are intending to take up? Which is the road that the member has in mind?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I mean the lane leading from Pulimudu to S. M. V. School.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will be considered.

Marangattupalli-Uzhavur Road.

239. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why the work for the completion of the Marangattupalli-Uzhavur road has not yet (28-11-1104) been taken up?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There are more pressing demands elsewhere.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): ഇതിനെക്കാൾ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള മറ്റു പല വേലകളുമുണ്ടെന്നു പറയുന്നു. ആ പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള വേലകൾ എന്തെ പറയുന്നതു മീനച്ചിൽ താലൂക്കിലുള്ള മറ്റു വേലകളെടുത്തുശീയാനോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): രാജ്യം കൂടുതൽ വേലകളാണ്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): മീനച്ചിൽ താലൂക്കിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഇതു പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതായിട്ടു ഗവർണ്മെന്റു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): ഓരോ താലൂക്കുകളിലും പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള വേലകൾ മുഖേന ചെയ്തു തീർക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. അക്കൂട്ടത്തിൽ മീനച്ചിൽ താലൂക്കിൽ ഈ വേല പ്രാധാന്യമുള്ളതാണെങ്കിൽ അതിന്റെ മുറ വരുമ്പോൾ ചെയ്തു തീർക്കും.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): ഇതര ആവശ്യങ്ങളെക്കാൾ ഇതു താഴെയാണെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): മറ്റു അത്യാവശ്യമായ വേലകളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു ഇതു താഴെത്തന്നെയാണ്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil cum Devicolum*): മീനച്ചിൽ താലൂക്കിൽ പരമാവധിയിൽ ഒരു വേലകളും നടക്കുന്നില്ലെന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റിനറിയാമോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): നടക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

Purchase of tiles and bricks for the construction of Government buildings.

240. MR. K. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have issued any orders to the effect that the different varieties of tiles, bricks, etc., used for the construction of Government buildings in all Departments should be purchased only from Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon, or any other particular firm;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for issuing such an order; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative,

(i) why some of the Departmental officers, especially those of the Public Works Department, insist on getting the above materials only from Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon;

(ii) why the officers even go to the extent of stating so definitely in the estimates prepared and submitted by them to the Government; and

(iii) why such estimates are being countenanced by them?

(2) Are not the Government aware that there are very many tile factories in Quilon and elsewhere that manufacture tiles and bricks at least as good as, if not better than, those manufactured by Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) No

(b) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(c) (i) The matter of selecting the best materials at minimum cost is left, in the P. W. Department, to the discretion of the Chief Engineer, who has to be guided by the Store Rules.

(ii) The materials approved by the Chief Engineer are alone specified in the estimates for P. W. D. works.